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OES/OFA FROM CLINGAN PASS TO LEITZELL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS, EFIS
SUBJECT: SALMON

1. PURSUANT TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR
NEGROPONTE, CLINGAN HAD CONVERSATION ON APRIL 13 WITH
MINISTER ZHIGALOV WITH RESPECT TO SALMON PROBLEM. CLINGAN
ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTY IN RESOLVING DIFFERENCES
AMONG INTERESTED STATES REGARDING ARTICLE 66 AT THIS
SESSION, POINTING OUT RISK OF LOSS OF ARTICLE FROM TEXT.
CLINGAN SUGGESTED THAT A BETTER APPROACH TO THE NORTH
PACIFIC PROBLEM WOULD BE FOR THE AFFECTED STATES TO MEET
LATER THIS SUMMER ON AN EXPERT LEVEL TO DISCUSS THE MANAGE-
MENT OF THE FISHERY, CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR SOVIET PROPOSAL.
WHILE VOICING THE HOPE THAT ALL FOUR STATES WOULD PARTICI-
PATE, CLINGAN STATED THAT IN ANY EVENT THE U.S. WOULD BE
WILLING TO SPEAK BILATERALLY. ZHIGALOV READILY ACCEPTED
THE PROPOSITION, INDICATING HIS PREFERENCE FOR PARTICIPA-
TION BY ALL FOUR. HOWEVER, ZHIGALOV CONTINUED TO INSIST
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ON MEETINGS TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 66
AT THIS SESSION OF LOS. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO ASK
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEGDTIATING GROUP OPENLY IN CON-
FERENCE, BUT WOULD SETTLE FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF
INFORMAL GROUP CHAIRED BY U.S. LAST SESSION. CLINGAN
OPPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY FORMAL GROUP AND AGREED TO
CONSULT OTHER AFFECTED STATES ON SUBJECT OF INFORMAL CON-

SULTATIONS.

2. AT THIS POINT, JAPAN OPPOSES ANY SUCH MEETING, BUT PROBABLY WILL AGREE RELUCTANTLY. CANADA FAVORS MEETING, VOICING CONCERN THAT SOVIETS MIGHT OTHERWISE SEEK AND GAIN SUPPORT OF EASTERN BLOC PLUS LL/GDS. IRISH AND DANES ARE EXTREMELY REFLUCTANT TO MEET, BUT WOULD DO SO IF SUCH MEETING COULD BE SUFFICIENTLY DELAYED. OTHERS NOT YET CONTACTED.

3. COMMENT: CLINGAN BELIEVES SOVIETS DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THE ARTICLE BUT DO NOT YET BELIEVE THERE IS ANY SUBSTANTIAL RISK. ACCORDINGLY CLINGAN HAS ADVISED JAPAN TO TELL SOVIETS THAT IF THERE IS A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE ARTICLE, GOJ WILL INSIST ON DELETION, AND HAS ADVISED CANADA TO SUGGEST TO SOVIETS THAT GOJ CAN PROBABLY DO IT. TACTICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ADVANTAGE WOULD APPEAR TO ACCRUE TO U.S. CLINGAN BELIEVES HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO CONVENE THE INFORMAL GROUP SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF APRIL 24, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO DELAY UNTIL GOJ-USSR TALKS ARE COMPLETED. ALDRICH

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